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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV250-7-4

SUBJECT: FNM – WebTCAS Time Charges

Purpose: Explanation of Change in WebTCAS Time Charges

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007

The Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, is still operating under a continuing resolution until February 15th, or, until Congress passes a budget bill and the President signs it. The House of Representatives recently passed a bill (H.J. Res. 20) last week that contains the spending authorizations for all functions of government except the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security. That bill is now with the Senate awaiting their action.

In that bill all Congressional earmarks have been removed and adjustments in funding have been made. There is also a sentence that zeros the line item budget for "...NRCS Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations'." In light of the possibility of no earmarks in the FY 2007 budget, NHQ has provided direction that no time will be charged to congressional earmark accounts.

Beginning with from pay period 3 until further notice, **no** time will be charged to the WF-03 or WF-08 accounts. All employees that had time allocated to those accounts have had their allocations changed. Your supervisor will inform you which funding codes to charge your time.

Also beginning with pay period 3 until further notice, **no** time charges will be made to Congressional earmark accounts. These accounts have been designated as inactive to prevent any improper time charge.

Some corrected T&As will need to be processed for the WF-03 and WF-08 accounts. Louis Aspey will work with Financial Management to determine which time sheets to correct. The employees will be informed by Louis to make those corrections.

We are expecting additional information and guidance in the coming weeks following action by the Senate and analysis by NHQ.

While serious, our current budget situation should not distract you from the important work we do providing technical and financial assistant to our customers.

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